



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: February 18, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: none

Subject: Loring Park Neighborhood (West Side Improvement) Lighting Project

Recommendation:

- 1a) Passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements proposed to be made in the Loring Park Neighborhood Street Lighting Project. Special Improvement of Existing Street Number 2250.

This Resolution may be authorized for summary publication.

- 1b) Adoption of the Committee Report receiving the cost estimate of \$160,000 and the list of benefited properties, directing the City Engineer to prepare a proposed Street Lighting Special Improvement Assessment in the amount of \$57,000 against the list of benefited properties by applying the street influence zone method, and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a Project Approval and Assessment Public Hearing to be held on April 8, 2003 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.
- 2) Adoption of a Committee Report designating the street lighting project area as Street Lighting District Number 1296 and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on April 8, 2003 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Previous Directives: None

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By: Greg Finstad _____
Presenters in Committee: Greg Finstad, Director of Transportation and Parking Services

Financial Impact

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The purpose of this letter is to establish the special assessment proceedings for street lighting installation and to establish the street lighting maintenance and operation proceedings for the Loring Park Neighborhood Residential Lighting Program.

1. Loring Park Neighborhood Street Lighting Project

This proposed project would install low level ornamental street lights in the area including, LaSalle Ave from Grant St to approximately 400 feet north of Grant St, Grant Street from LaSalle Ave to 1st Ave S, and 14th, 15th, and 16th Streets from Nicollet Ave to 1st Ave S. This project was initiated by a petition, signed by 62.5% of the adjacent property owners/residents, submitted to the Transportation and Parking Services Division of the Department of Public Works. We recommend passage of a Resolution designating the location, streets, and improvements to be made for the Loring Park Neighborhood Residential Lighting Program. The capital cost for the lighting installed on Grant St East from Nicollet Ave to 1st Ave would be funded by the convention center expansion project. This cost is not included in the cost estimate. It is included in this street lighting district for the operational and maintenance costs.

As provided in Chapter 10, Section 8 of the City Charter, submitted herewith is a list of parcels with owner's names, as nearly as can be readily ascertained, which would be benefited by and assessed for Loring Park Neighborhood Street Lighting Project.

Also submitted is a cost estimate of \$160,000 for the Loring Park Neighborhood Lighting Project:

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| Lighting (design and construction) | \$148,000 |
| Interim Financing Cost | <u>\$ 12,000</u> |
| Total | \$160,000 |

The project will be funded by \$103,000 NRP from the Loring Park NRP plan and \$57,000 from special assessments. The special assessments would be determined by using the street influence zone area method with 36% of the costs to be assessed.

2. Street Lighting District Number 1296

As provided in Chapter 431 (Street Lighting) of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, the street lighting project area is proposed to be designated as Street Lighting District Number 1296. The annual maintenance and operation costs for this street lighting district are standard costs which are paid by the City out of the General Fund which in turn is funded by real estate taxes. Non-governmental properties exempt from real estate taxes pay for street lighting maintenance and operation costs through special assessments. Chapter 431 provides for a lineal front footage method to determine street lighting maintenance and operation assessments.

We have the approval of Council Member Goodman to submit this item to the Transportation and Public Works Committee.